



Elliott Skate Park and Basketball Court Public Meeting #1 August 11, 2005

Meeting Notes

Presenters:

B.J. Brooks - Seattle Parks Department (SPD) Deputy Superintendent facilitated the meeting.

Susan Golub- SPD Strategic Advisor, discussed the process of siting the park.

Kim Baldwin - SPD LA/Parks Project Manager, discussed general project information.

Shwu-jen Hwang- SPD Landscape Architect, discussed the site analysis and bubble diagram.

Micah Shipiro and Chris Hildebrand, Grindline Skateparks, presented a history of skateparks and held a workshop.

Public comments were heard and initial design plans discussed.

Questions: These questions were collected at the meeting. The answers are given below.

- Is the site contaminated? Parks will do an Environmental Site Assessment prior to final negotiations with King County, the current owner of the site.
- Can we use the King County parking lot so that we don't have to use the site for parking? This question was posed to King County earlier on. The secured parking lot is directly adjacent to the building and equipment storage. There is not a feasible way to allow public use while providing the necessary security.
- Is there a cross walk near by? There is a cross walk at the north end of the site that will be completed by King County as part of the pump station project. There are cross walks beyond the property to the south.
- Is it too windy for basketball? It can be windy here because it's near the water but that question is a little subjective so we can't answer yes or no. If it proves to be too windy, a buffer can be added in the future.
- Why have a Basketball Court? The agreement with the Gates Foundation is to replace the basketball court and skatepark at a site near the Seattle Center. That's why a basketball court is planned within this project.
- Why not wait to design later? It is also in the agreement with the Gates Foundation that this park is under construction at the same time the other is closed down. That date is projected to be early June.

- How will contamination testing be posted? This information is public. You can contact Seattle Parks and Recreation (planning and development) to see the information, once it is completed.
- Will there be lights, a roof and/or cover? No, not as part of this current funding source. However, they can be added later.
- Will the City of Seattle look for additional funds? No, not at this time.

Comments

Provide specific areas for small kids

Design for all ages. Provide lights, water and restrooms.

Make more accommodating to all.

Less grass- benches/tables/skateable furniture – make everything skateable.

Put money into skate area -- fundraiser later.

Consider residents- don't have a 24/7 park.

Put lights on a timer

Gates (Foundation) should give more money

Integrate design- all items to be skateable.

Basketball court in center to be integrated into skate area.

The grain elevator is extremely noisy.

Planning for expansion is ridiculous.

Consider elevated parking with skating underneath.

Next Meeting:

The next public meeting is scheduled for **XXXX**, September **X**, 2005, **(time)** at the same location: Queen Anne Community Center, 1920 1st Ave. W.

These notes have been posted on the project web page:

<http://www.cityofseattle.net/parks/maintenance/ElliottAveSkatePark.htm>